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SUBJ: CLIMATE CHANGE: FOLLOW-UP ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S
GA PROPOSAL.

GENEVA FOR CARTWRIGHT

REQUEST MISSION DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER TO WMO SECRETARY
GENERAL DAVIES FROM ROBERT M. WHITE, PERMANENT REPRESENTA-
TIVE OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL
ORGANIZATION. SIGNED ORIGINAL FOLLOWS BY AIR POUCH.

QUOTE. DEAR MR. SECRETARY-GENERAL. INCREASINGLY, WORLD
LEADERS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER INDICATIONS OF POS-
SIBLE LONG-TERM CLIMATE CHANGE. THIS CONCERN HAS BECOME
PARTICULARLY PROMINENT IN RELATION TO THE SAHEL DROUGHT.

IN HIS ADDRESS ON APRIL 15, 1974, TO THE SIXTH SPECIAL
SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SECRETARY
KISSINGER CALLED ATTENTION TO THIS PROBLEM, NOTING THAT ITS
IMPLICATIONS FOR GLOBAL FOOD AND POPULATION POLICIES ARE
OMINOUS. HE PROPOSED THAT THIS PROBLEM BE URGENTLY INVES-
TIGATED WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IDENTIFYING GUIDELINES FOR
INTERNATIONAL ACTION. POTENTIALLY, THE RESOURCES OF MANY
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PARTS OF THE UN SYSTEM WILL BE INVOLVED. A BETTER UNDER-

STANDING OF THE METEOROLOGICAL ASPECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE,
TOGETHER WITH AN APPRECIATION OF THE IMPACT OF SUCH CHANGE

ON THE WELL BEING OF THE WORLD, IS BASIC TO THE DEVELOP-
MENT OF SOLUTIONS.

ACCORDINGLY, MY GOVERNMENT REQUESTS THAT YOU BRING THIS
PROPOSAL TO THE ATTENTION OF THE FORTHCOMING TWENTY-SIXTH
SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ORDER THAT IT MIGHT
BE CONSIDERED IN RELATION TO ONGOING AND PLANNED ACTIVI-
TIES OF THE WMO. SINCERELY, ROBERT M. WHITE, PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE WORLD
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